



HISTORY

B.A. IN HISTORY

TEACHER LICENSURE IN INTEGRATED SOCIAL STUDIES

The Department of History offers comprehensive programs in American history; European and world history; the history of science, technology, the environment and medicine; social history and policy; and the history of law. Students learn within the cultural, political and economic frameworks that have formed the customary basis of historical studies. The department has developed special emphases in social, cultural, political and economic perspectives that promote teaching and research on such topics as the African-American experience, the environment, business and economy, technology and science, medicine, women's history and gender studies, legal history and comparative social history.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The department forms the Eta-Lambda Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, the national history honor society. Students become eligible for nomination as members of the society upon completion of 15 credit hours of history with a minimum GPA of 3.2 in history. Phi Alpha Theta sponsors lectures, films and social hours, all with a history focus.
- The Society for History and Culture (SHC) is open to students of all majors and disciplines who have an interest in history, world affairs and related subjects. SHC sponsors social and programmatic activities, often in conjunction with Phi Alpha Theta.
- Each year the department gives awards and prizes in recognition of outstanding achievement in history. These are announced at the department's annual banquet. Actual presentation of the prizes and awards takes place at the College Honors Assemblies each spring.

Prizes include:

- Donald Grove Barnes Award—to a senior for excellence in research and writing of history
- Clarence H. Cramer Award—for excellence in research and writing of history
- Annie Spencer Cutter Prize—to a senior for outstanding achievement in history (customarily awarded to a woman)
- Sigma Psi Prize in Honor of Elbert J. Benton—for excellence in history
- John Hall Steward Prize—for excellence in historical studies
- The History Department Award—for exceptional achievement
- Professors Kenneth Ledford, Miriam Levin, and Alan Rocke are recent recipients of Case's Wittke Award for Undergraduate Teaching.
- The Department of History also offers the M.A. and Ph.D.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

The regular major offers students maximum flexibility in pursuing an intellectually coherent course of study with a concentration that interests them. Students who choose to major in history must meet the following requirements:

- (1) Successful completion of four required courses: HSTY 112 (Introduction to American History), HSTY 113 (Introduction to Modern World History), HSTY 250 (Issues and Methods in History) and HSTY 398 (Senior Research Seminar).
- (2) Successful completion of six additional courses in history, four of which must be agreed upon in consultation with the departmental adviser to form a coherent field of historical inquiry. The focus might be geographical (for example, European history), chronological (for example, 20th century history), topical (for example, women's history) or some combination of these. The remaining two courses are open electives and, with permission, a course outside of history in a related discipline may be accepted toward the required hours for the major.

The history major with teacher licensure requires 30 hours of history including the same four courses required for the primary major (see above), with a minimum of six semester hours in each of three focus areas: U.S. history; world/European studies; and Asian, African, Latin American studies. Candidates for teacher licensure must also take courses in economics, political science, and sociology (nine hours), 30 hours in education courses, and a student teaching assignment. The education courses and student teaching components are coordinated with John Carroll University.

Examples of the Department of History's course offerings include:

- HSTY 213 Earthquake, Flood, and Fire:
Natural Disaster in History
- HSTY 216 Vikings and Medieval Scandinavia
- HSTY 227 Culture and Computers
- HSTY 240 The Body in History
- HSTY 272 Sports in America: From Play
to Profit
- HSTY 353 and 354 Women in American
History I and II
- HSTY 364 City, Town, and Suburban
American History
- HSTY 377 Nuclear Weapons and
Arms Control
- HSTY 381 City as a Classroom
- HSTY 382 Chinese Business and
Economic History

Please see the General Bulletin (www.case.edu/bulletin) for a complete list of course offerings and detailed course descriptions.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Departmental honors

Majors are recommended for graduation with department honors for superior performance in history, including the 398 senior seminar, by action of the faculty.

Integrated Graduate Studies

The IGS program leads to the simultaneous completion of the B.A. and M.A. (Master of Arts) in history. Prerequisites, to be completed during the junior year, include completion of the undergraduate major plus other college requirements (core, minor, etc.), and a 3.2 GPA. Further details are available from the department's undergraduate advisor.

Study Abroad Program

The department encourages students to consider the Junior Year Abroad (JYA) program and/or the one-semester senior year "Washington DC In Absentia" program. Information regarding the JYA program is available from the Office of Undergraduate Studies; information regarding the Washington Semester program may be obtained from Professor Vincent McHale in the Department of Political Science. In recent academic years, history majors have taken JYA in Seville, Spain; St. Andrews, Scotland; the London School of Economics; and Oxford University.

FACILITIES FOR HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Case, the other institutions in University Circle, and the Cleveland area offer excellent facilities for historical research, especially in the fields of social history and policy, and the history of medicine, health care, nonprofit organizations, technology and science. The University library's extensive collections in these fields are significantly augmented by holdings of the Allen Memorial Library in the history of medicine and healthcare, and the Western Reserve Historical Society in regional economic, social, nonprofit, ethnic, African American and Jewish history. Both of these libraries are adjacent to the campus. The Cleveland Public Library, just five miles from campus in downtown Cleveland is the third largest public library in the U.S. It maintains excellent research collections in Ohio, U.S. and British history, technology and business.

RECENT GRADUATES

Approximately 20 students graduate each year with the B.A. in history; the vast majority proceed to graduate or professional school. Case's history majors have been admitted—with full tuition waivers and generous stipends—to programs at Emory, Harvard, Princeton and Brown as well as to law schools such as Stanford, University of Chicago, University of Virginia and University of Michigan.

Recent examples of students' senior research papers and post-commencement plans include:

- History and English double major: "Anti-Mormon and Anti-Polygamy Voices, 1850-1880," Stanford Law School
- History and chemistry double major: "Origins of British Education Policy in Colonial India, 1813-1835," Case School of Medicine
- History and geological sciences double major: "South African Autobiographies of Apartheid in the 1950s," Boston University, graduate study in international relations and environmental policy
- History, biology and chemistry triple major: "Allied Governments and Public Knowledge of the Holocaust, 1942-1945," Emory University M.D./Ph.D. (neuroscience) program
- History, Asian studies, religion triple major: "Medicine vs. Religion: The Success and Failure of Christian Missionaries in China During the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries," Vanderbilt Divinity School
- History and political science double major: "American Reactions to the 1972 Covenant on Civil and Political Rights," Congressional Aide to Congressman Stephen LaTourette, Washington DC

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